

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/759,536

Examiner

Jonathan Ouellette

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-16, 18-30, 32-41, 43-45 and 47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20070531</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview (20070531) with Kent Roberts on 5/31/2007.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
4. **Independent Claim 1**, before "comparing" on line 3, add "automatically"; before "determining" on line 10, add "automatically"; and after "providing" on line 15, add ", to the sender,".
5. **Independent Claim 16**, before "determining" on line 9, add "automatically"; and after "providing" on line 15, add ", to the sender,".
6. **Independent Claim 30**, after "provide" on line 23, add ", to the sender,".
7. **Independent Claim 44**, before "comparing" on line 3, add "automatically"; and before "determining" on line 10, add "automatically".

Request for Continued Examination

8. The Request filed on 3/26/2007 for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 09/759,536 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Response to Amendment

9. Claims 2, 17, 31, 42, and 46 have been cancelled; therefore, Claims 1, 3-16, 18-30, 32-41, 43-45, and 47 are currently pending in application 09/759,536.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1, 3-16, 18-30, 32-41, 43-45, and 47 are allowed.

11. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
12. As per independent Claims 1, 16, 30, 41, 44, the prior art does not teach or suggest:
13. A method/system of selecting/providing contact information, comprising: *automatically comparing an electronic source document available on a network of computers to a database of entities to identify a references entity within the source document*; providing a data base of contact information, the data base of contact information having contact information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities; *automatically determining whether the referenced entity is among the contact entities; if the referenced entity is among the contact entities, then selecting the contact information corresponding to the referenced entity*; providing, to the sender, criteria that a message must satisfy in order

to be acceptable to the referenced entity; and prompting a sender to provide a message to the referenced entity.

14. Hedloy et al. (US 6,323,853 B1) teaches a method (article of manufacture, system) of selecting contact information, comprising: analyzing a document to determine a referenced entity identified in the document (Abstract); providing a data base of contact entities (Fig.1b), the data base having information corresponding to a plurality of contact entities; determining whether the referenced entity is among the contact entities; and if the referenced entity is among the contact entities, then selecting the contact information corresponding to the referenced entity (Abstract, Fig.1b, C10 L5-9).
15. Hedloy fails to expressly disclose automatically analyzing/comparing an electronic source document available on a network of computers, automatically determining whether the source document contains a specific contact entity, and providing the user with the ability to contact the entity.
16. Hedloy also fails to expressly disclose providing criteria that a message must satisfy in order to be accepted to the referenced entity.
17. The remaining dependent **Claims 3-15, 18-29, 32-40, 43, 45, and 47** are considered allowable, as they are dependent on an allowable independent claim.
18. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Ouellette whose telephone number is (571) 272-6807. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am - 5:00pm.
20. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300 for all official communications.
21. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination whose telephone number is (703) 308-1202.

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